purposes like promotion and exploitation of ocean development, bio-technology, non-conventional energy, food processing industry etc.; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any programme for reviewing the performance of those new Departments which have completed five years to find out whether they have achieved the objectives for which they were set up?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The working of the Departments are kept under regular review, through the examination of the Ministries/Departments by the Parliamentary Committees like the Estimates Committee, Public Accounts Committee etc. The Annual Reports of the Departments are also placed before the Parliament. Important programmes and schemes are also reviewed from time to time.

Implementation of reservation quota for SC/ST in CSIR laboratories

599. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any exemption is in operation at present from the purview of the reservation orders for SC/ST in higher grade at posts under CSIR laboratories/institutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any reservation has not been made for Assessment/Promotion of SC/ST while implementing a new policy named as MANAS; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The Government of India instructions on reservation upto and inclusive of lowest rung of Group 'A' are being followed in CSIR and its laboratories/ institutes. Though there is no reservation in the higher posts, candidates belonging to SC/ST categories are considered for these posts by relaxed standards.

(c) and (d) Since normal assessment/promotion under Merit and Normal Assessment Scheme is not vacancy based, reservation is not possible. However, SC/ST candidates are judged by a relaxed standard with a lower percentage of threshold marks for assessment/promotion by 10 per cent as compared to general candidates. The interests of SC/ST candidates covered under the Scheme are further safeguarded by inclusion of a member of SC/ST on the assessment committee.

Reservation quota for SC/STs. in CSIR Laboratories and Institutes

600. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation quota for SC/ST empoyees of higher grade posts has not been filled in CSIR laboratories/institutes;

(b) whether any special efforts would be made to complete the reservation quota, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) CSIR laboratories/institutes have made consistent effort to fill up the vacancies reserved for SC/ST candidates. As a result of these efforts out of 97 vacant posts reserved for SC/ST candidates in Group 'A', 86 posts have been filled upto July, 1991.

Radio-active contamination of Steel Bars imported by USA from India

601. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 20,0 tonnes of imported Steel from India found by the US Nuclear Regul Commission to be contaminated by